

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

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ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a catamenial tampon, ~~comprising~~ which includes a primary absorbent member, and a withdrawal cord having a withdrawal portion and an attachment portion. The attachment portion is joined to the primary absorbent member. The withdrawal cord includes a composite yarn which includes a continuous string, and a secondary absorbent member joined to a part of the continuous string. The continuous string ~~which has the secondary absorbent member joined thereto~~ is woven according to a predetermined weaving manner after being provisionally twisted, thereby forming the attachment portion and the withdrawal portion. ~~The present invention is also directed to a composite yarn having thinner portions and thicker portions which are alternatively disposed. The composite yarn comprises: a continuous string; and a plurality of fleeces intermittently joined to the continuous string. The continuous string which has the plurality of fleeces intermittently joined to thereto is woven according to a predetermined weaving manner after being provisionally twisted, thereby forming the thinner portions and thicker portions.~~